GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE FROM DEVELOPMENTAL PARTNERS
Deo Shri Bikram Keshari

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to discontinue taking developmental assistance from bilateral development partners, other than Japan, UK, Germany, USA, EC and Russian Federation;

(b) if so, the NGOs, autonomous organizations and Universities in India which have been included/likely to be included for development assistance in the year 2005-2006; and

(c) the details of assistance received through UN and multilateral development agencies in the form of external assistance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

a) Government of India had reviewed the policy of bilateral development cooperation and decided that bilateral development assistance will be accepted from all G-8 countries, namely, United States of America, United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Canada and Russian Federation as well as the European Commission. Bilateral development assistance from the countries of the European Union outside the G-8, which provide a minimum bilateral aid package (of US$ 25 million per annum) to India, is also acceptable.

b) Non-Governmental organizations (NGOs), autonomous organizations and Universities are eligible to receive development assistance. However, external assistance to these organizations will be covered by the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

c) Details of the external assistance received through UN and multilateral development agencies during 2004-05 are as follows:

(Rs. in crores) 2004-05

S.No.	Name of the organisation	
1.	International Development Agency (IDA) of the World Bank	4549.51
2.	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development of the World Bank (IBRD)	3655.42
3.	Asian Development Bank	2107.29
4.	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	24.89
5.	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	32.96
6.	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	42.74